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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 696

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO LOCAL MEDIA

1. FOL IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY EMBASSY MAR 5 TO LOCAL MEDIA WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRYING STORIES ALLEIGING THAT US NUCLEAR TESTS IN NEVADA CAUSED FEB 4 EARTHQUAKE.

2. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ISSUED A STATEMENT TODAY SAYING THAT UNITED STATES NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS IN NEVADA FEBRUARY 4 COULD NOT HAVE TRIGGERED THE EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK GUATEMALA EARLIER THAT DAY.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION SECURED BY THE EMBASSY FROM THE UNITED STATES ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, THE EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED MORE THAN FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST TEST EXPLOSION.

4. TWO EXPLOSIONS TOOK PLACE IN NEVADA FEBRUARY 4. THE FIRST WAS AT 8.20 AM GUATEMALAN TIME. THE SECOND WAS AT 8.40 AM GUATEMALAN TIME. THE EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA OCCURRED AT 3.04 AM GUATEMALAN TIME.MELOY

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